

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Assessment of MGNREGS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any survey/study has been conducted recently to assess the benefits of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether certain State Governments have urged the Union Government to raise the 100 days of work presently offered under the said scheme to 200 work days, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard;
- (c) whether wages paid to the labourers including the differently-abled or weaker sections are in accordance with the prescribed rate, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of number of persons including the differently-abled provided employment under the said scheme since its inception, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the details of deficiencies and flaws noticed in the implementation of MGNREGS and the measures taken/being taken by the Government to remove the deficiencies, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a): Yes, Madam. Independent research studies conducted on the impact of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) have been brought out as "MGNREGA Sameeksha" by the Ministry. The studies indicate that this programme has improved water and soil conservation measures, increased cultivable land by enriching waste lands and has led to improved agricultural productivity. It has also enhanced bargaining powers of rural wage seekers and reduced distress migration from rural areas. Major suggestions/recommendations of these studies, inter alia, are removal of delays in wage payments, improvement in the quality of assets, establishment of strong demand management system, effective participatory grass-root and planning, and improvement in the overall monitoring of schemes, etc.

(b): No, Madam.

(c): Under MGNREGA, wages are paid to the workers, including differently-abled or weaker sections in accordance with the Schedule of Rates as fixed by the State Governments. Output of a MGNREGA worker is measured and payment is made accordingly. State/UT-wise details of the notified wage rate w.e.f. 1st April, 2016 is given at Annexure-I.

(d): State/UT-wise details of number of persons including the differently-abled provided employment under MGNREGA from 2006-07 till 2015-16 are given in the Annexure-II.

(e): During the review of the implementation of the MGNREGS, the strengthening the planning, technical supervision, capacity building, disbursing systems and social audits have been identified as areas for improvement. Towards this, the major steps taken by the Government are given in Annexure-III.
